## **REMARKS**

This application was identified as being in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-4 and 14-17, which had been withdrawn from consideration. By way of this Amendment, Applicants have cancelled those claims. Accordingly, the application is now in condition for allowance.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the above application are respectfully sought.

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